

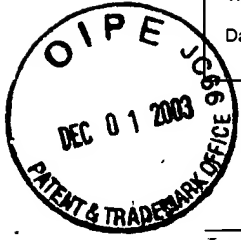
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In re Patent Application of: Andrew K. Benson

Application No.: 09/945,564

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For: METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING  
POLYMORPHIC MARKERS IN A  
POPULATION

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003 (Paper No. 13), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.